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CLAIMS:

1 1. A method in a data processing system for
2 ordering elements within a set of elements in a list, the
3 method comprising:

4 presenting the set of elements in a list format in a
5 graphical user interface;

6 waiting for a first user input selecting the
7 elements within the set of elements;

8 responsive to detecting the first user input,
9 monitoring for a second user input, indicating a movement
10 of the elements within the set of elements; and

11 responsive to detecting the second user input,
12 automatically ordering the elements within the set of
13 elements based on the second user input.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the second user
2 input causes the elements to be ordered by moving each
3 element in the elements in a first direction within the
4 set of elements list by a selected number of locations.

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the second user
2 input causes the elements to be ordered by moving each
3 element in the elements in a second direction within the
4 set of elements by a selected number of locations.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the second user
2 input causes the elements to be ordered by moving the
3 elements to a first end of the list.

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1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the second user
2 input causes the elements to be ordered by moving the
3 elements to a second end of the list.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the second user
2 input is received by a selection of a control associated
3 with the set of elements.

1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the control is a
2 navigation button.

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the second user
2 input includes an identification of a direction in which
3 the elements are to be moved and wherein the
4 automatically ordering step comprises:
5 determining whether the elements can be moved in the
6 direction identified by the second user input; and
7 responsive to a determination that the elements can
8 be moved in the direction, moving each element in the set
9 of elements in the direction.

1 9. The method of claim 8 further comprising;
2 determining whether all the elements are to be moved
3 to an end; and
4 responsive to a determination that all the elements
5 are to be moved, moving all the elements to the end,
6 wherein the elements are located together.

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1 10. A method in a data processing system for
2 manipulating elements in an ordered set of elements, the
3 method comprising:

4 receiving a user input to move the elements within
5 the ordered set of elements; and

6 responsive to receiving the user input, moving the
7 elements within the ordered set of elements based on the
8 user input.

1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein the user input
2 is a first user input and further comprising:

3 identifying the elements within the ordered set of
4 elements from a second user input.

1 12. The method of claim 10 further comprising:
2 displaying the ordered set of elements in a window.

1 13. The method of claim 12, wherein the user input
2 is received from a user selection of a control displayed
3 with the ordered set of elements.

1 14. The method of claim 10, wherein user input
2 causes the elements to be reordered by moving each
3 element in the elements in a first direction within the
4 ordered set of elements list by a selected number of
5 locations.

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1 15. The method of claim 10, wherein the user input
2 causes the elements to be moved to a first end of the
3 ordered set of elements.

1 16. The method of claim 10, wherein the user input
2 causes the elements to be moved to a second end of the
3 ordered set of elements.

1 17. A data processing system comprising:
2 a bus system;
3 a communications unit connected to the bus system;
4 a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the
5 memory includes a set of instructions; and
6 a processing unit connected to the bus system,
7 wherein the processing unit executes the set of
8 instructions to present a set of elements in a list
9 format in a graphical user interface; wait for a first
10 user input selecting elements within the set of elements;
11 monitor for a second user input, indicating a movement of
12 the elements within the set of elements in response to
13 detecting the first user input; and automatically order
14 the elements within the set of elements based on the
15 second user input in response to detecting the second
16 user input.

1 18. A data processing system comprising:
2 a bus system;
3 a communications unit connected to the bus system;
4 a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the

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5 memory includes a set of instructions; and
6 a processing unit connected to the bus system,
7 wherein the processing unit executes the set of
8 instructions to receive a user input to move the elements
9 within the ordered set of elements; and move the elements
10 within the ordered set of elements based on the user
11 input responsive to receiving the user input.

1 19. A data processing system for ordering elements
2 within a set of elements in a list, the data processing
3 system comprising:

4 presenting means for presenting the set of elements
5 in a list format in a graphical user interface;

6 waiting means for waiting for a first user input
7 selecting the elements within the set of elements;

8 monitoring means, responsive to detecting the first
9 user input, for monitoring for a second user input,
10 indicating a movement of the elements within the set of
11 elements; and

12 ordering means, responsive to detecting the second
13 user input, for automatically ordering the elements
14 within the set of elements based on the second user
15 input.

1 20. The data processing system of claim 19, wherein
2 the second user input causes the elements to be ordered
3 by moving each element in the elements in a first
4 direction within the set of elements list by a selected
5 number of locations.

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1 21. The data processing system of claim 19, wherein
2 the second user input causes the elements to be ordered
3 by moving each element in the elements in a second
4 direction within the set of elements by a selected number
5 of locations.

1 22. The data processing system of claim 19, wherein
2 the second user input causes the elements to be ordered
3 by moving the elements to a first end of the list.

1 23. The data processing system of claim 19, wherein
2 the second user input causes the elements to be ordered
3 by moving the elements to a second end of the list.

1 24. The data processing system of claim 19, wherein
2 the second user input is received by a selection of a
3 control associated with the set of elements.

1 25. The data processing system of claim 24, wherein
2 the control is a navigation button.

1 26. The data processing system of claim 19, wherein
2 the second user input includes an identification of a
3 direction in which the elements are to be moved and
4 wherein the automatically ordering means comprises:
5 first means for determining whether the elements can
6 be moved in the direction identified by the second user
7 input; and

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8 second means, responsive to a determination that the
9 elements can be moved in the direction, for moving each
10 element in the set of elements in the direction.

1 27. The data processing system of claim 26, wherein
2 the automatically ordering means further comprises;
3 determining means for determining whether all the
4 elements are to be moved to an end; and
5 moving means, responsive to a determination that all
6 the elements are to be moved, for moving all the elements
7 to the end, wherein the elements are located together.

1 28. A data processing system for manipulating
2 elements in an ordered set of elements, the data
3 processing system comprising:
4 receiving means for receiving a user input to move
5 the elements within the ordered set of elements; and
6 moving means, responsive to receiving the user
7 input, for moving the elements within the ordered set of
8 elements based on the user input.

1 29. The data processing system of claim 28, wherein
2 the user input is a first user input and further
3 comprising:
4 identifying means for identifying the elements
5 within the ordered set of elements from a second user
6 input.

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1 30. The data processing system of claim 28 further
2 comprising:
3 displaying means for displaying the ordered set of
4 elements in a window.

1 31. The data processing system of claim 30, wherein
2 the user input is received from a user selection of a
3 control displayed with the ordered set of elements.

1 32. The data processing system of claim 28, wherein
2 user input causes the elements to be reordered by moving
3 each element in the elements in a first direction within
4 the ordered set of elements list by a selected number of
5 locations.

1 33. The data processing system of claim 28, wherein
2 the user input causes the elements to be moved to a first
3 end of the ordered set of elements.

1 34. The data processing system of claim 28, wherein
2 the user input causes the elements to be moved to a
3 second end of the ordered set of elements.

1 35. A computer program product in a computer
2 readable medium for ordering elements within a set of
3 elements in a list, the computer program product
4 comprising:
5 first instructions for presenting the set of
6 elements in a list format in a graphical user interface;

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7 second instructions for waiting for a first user
8 input selecting the elements within the set of elements;
9 third instructions, responsive to detecting the
10 first user input, for monitoring for a second user input
11 indicating a movement of the elements within the set of
12 elements; and
13 fourth instructions, responsive to detecting the
14 second user input, for automatically ordering the
15 elements within the set of elements based on the second
16 user input.

1 36. The computer program product of claim 35,
2 wherein the second user input causes the elements to be
3 ordered by moving each element in the elements in a first
4 direction within the set of elements list by a selected
5 number of locations.

1 37. The computer program product of claim 35,
2 wherein the second user input causes the elements to be
3 ordered by moving each element in the elements in a
4 second direction within the set of elements by a selected
5 number of locations.

1 38. The computer program product of claim 35,
2 wherein the second user input causes the elements to be
3 ordered by moving the elements to a first end of the
4 list.

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1 39. The computer program product of claim 35,
2 wherein the second user input causes the elements to be
3 ordered by moving the elements to a second end of the
4 list.

1 40. The computer program product of claim 35,
2 wherein the second user input is received by a selection
3 of a control associated with the set of elements.

1 41. The computer program product of claim 40,
2 wherein the control is a navigation button.

1 42. The computer program product of claim 35,
2 wherein the second user input includes an identification
3 of a direction in which the elements are to be moved and
4 wherein the fourth instructions comprises:
5 first sub-instructions for determining whether the
6 elements can be moved in the direction identified by the
7 second user input; and
8 second sub-instructions, responsive to a
9 determination that the elements can be moved in the
10 direction, for moving each element in the set of elements
11 in the direction.

1 43. The computer program product of claim 42,
2 wherein the fourth instructions further comprises;
3 third sub-instructions for determining whether all
4 the elements are to be moved to an end; and

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5 fourth sub-instructions, responsive to a
6 determination that all the elements are to be moved, for
7 moving all the elements to the end, wherein the elements
8 are located together.

1 44. A computer program product in a computer
2 readable medium for manipulating elements in an ordered
3 set of elements, the computer program product comprising:
4 first instructions for receiving a user input to
5 move the elements within the ordered set of elements; and
6 second instructions, responsive to receiving the
7 user input, for moving the elements within the ordered
8 set of elements based on the user input.

1 45. The computer program product of claim 44,
2 wherein the user input is a first user input and further
3 comprising:
4 third instructions for identifying the elements
5 within the ordered set of elements from a second user
6 input.

1 46. The computer program product of claim 44
2 further comprising:
3 third instructions for displaying the ordered set of
4 elements in a window.

1 47. The computer program product of claim 46,
2 wherein the user input is received from a user selection
3 of a control displayed with the ordered set of elements.

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1 48. The computer program product of claim 44,
2 wherein user input causes the elements to be reordered by
3 moving each element in the elements in a first direction
4 within the ordered set of elements list by a selected
5 number of locations.

1 49. The computer program product of claim 44,
2 wherein the user input causes the elements to be moved to
3 a first end of the ordered set of elements.

1 50. The computer program product of claim 44,
2 wherein the user input causes the elements to be moved to
3 a second end of the ordered set of elements.